

HOUSE BILL 7012
By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 3; Title 4; Title 8 and Title 39.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 3-1-118. Every meeting of a standing committee, or subcommittee of a standing committee, of the general assembly shall be open to the public. Only when considering a matter involving the security of the state or nation or when investigating a proposed Article V impeachment of a public official other than a member of the general assembly, may a meeting be closed to the public, but only if there is an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members present. Adequate public notice of every meeting must be provided. The term "meeting" means at least a quorum of the members of a standing committee, or subcommittee of a standing committee, of the general assembly is present and public business is deliberated or decided; provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to a public or private meeting of members of the same political party of any standing committee, or subcommittee of a standing committee, of the general assembly if no official committee action is taken at such meeting by such members.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.